

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In the Office Action mailed November 16, 2004, claims 1-20 were pending. Claims 1-20 were rejected. Claims 1-5, 7, 9, 11 and 15-17 have been amended. Claims 1, 9 and 15 are independent. Applicant has thoroughly reviewed the outstanding Office Action including the Examiner's remarks and the references cited therein. The following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action. All the pending claims at issue are believed to be patentable over the cited references.

### **CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 102**

The Examiner rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,792,462 to Bernhardt *et al.* (hereinafter referred to as “Bernhardt”). In light of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are allowable.

Initially, Applicant notes that it is axiomatic that to qualify as an anticipation under Section 102, the cited reference must “bear within its four corners adequate directions for the practice of the patent invalidated.” (See, for example, Dewey & Almay Chemical Co. v. Mimex Co., Inc., 52 U.S.P.Q. 138 (2<sup>nd</sup> Cir. 1942)). Applicants respectfully submit that Bernhardt embodies no such directions.

More particularly, Applicant respectfully submits that Bernhardt does not teach or disclose the steps of receiving postings of business venture items to a provider; providing to a customer access to said postings via an agreement with the provider; and linking said customer to said business interests venture items, wherein the business venture items are well suited to create new businesses when combined. The independent claims have been amended to clarify

that the invention relates to a multiple sensors coupled to a single controller. The claims have been amended to explicitly state that which has been implicitly in the original claim language. As such, the claims have not been narrowed.

Examiner states that Bernhardt anticipates the present invention. Bernhardt discloses a delegation of administrative powers in a computer network environment. Bernhardt is silent on linking business venture items and providing to a customer access to postings via a provider agreement as presently claimed.

Applicant claims an apparatus that includes the steps of receiving postings of business venture items to a provider; providing to a customer access to said postings via an agreement with the provider; and linking said customer to said business interests venture items, wherein the business venture items are well suited to create new businesses when combined. *See paragraphs 34 and 37 of the specification.*

Applicant notes that Bernhardt, first and foremost, does not disclose the steps of receiving postings of business venture items to a provider; providing to a customer access to said postings via an agreement with the provider; and linking said customer to said business interests venture items, wherein the business venture items are well suited to create new businesses when combined. Thus, it cannot be said the Bernhardt teaches or discloses the invention as claimed.

In light of the foregoing arguments, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Bernhardt is respectfully requested.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejections. If, for any reason, the Examiner disagrees, please call the undersigned agent at 202-

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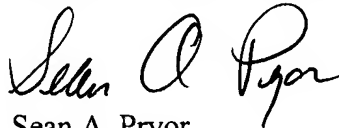
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861-1748 in an effort to resolve any matter still outstanding before issuing another action. The undersigned agent is confident that any issue which might remain can readily be worked out by telephone.

In the event this paper is not time filed, Applicant petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2036.

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